

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

JUSTIN PAULO,  
 Plaintiff,

v.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, et al.,  
 Defendants.

Case No. 2:19-cv-00474-APG-NJK

**ORDER**

[Docket No. 34]

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to extend discovery deadlines. Docket No. 34. The Court has considered Plaintiff's motion, Defendants' response,<sup>1</sup> and Plaintiff's reply. Docket Nos. 34, 36-1, 37. The motion is properly resolved without a hearing. *See* LR 78-1.

"Discovery is supposed to proceed with minimal involvement of the Court." *F.D.I.C. v. Butcher*, 116 F.R.D. 196, 203 (E.D. Tenn. 1986). Parties should strive to be cooperative, practical, and sensible, and should seek judicial intervention "only in extraordinary situations that implicate truly significant interests." *In re Convergent Techs. Securities Litig.*, 108 F.R.D. 328, 331 (N.D. Cal. 1985). Discovery motions will not be considered "unless the movant (1) has made a good faith effort to meet and confer . . . before filing the motion, and (2) includes a declaration setting forth the details and results of the meet-and-confer conference about each disputed discovery request." LR 26-6(c).

Plaintiff requests a 180-day extension of discovery deadlines.<sup>2</sup> Docket No. 43 at 1. Plaintiff submits that good cause exists for the requested extension because the COVID-19

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<sup>1</sup> On June 8, 2021, Defendants filed a motion to correct for scrivener's errors. Docket No. 35. Defendants submit that their response filed at Docket No. 35 contains grammatical errors and accidentally omits a legal authority. *Id.* at 3. Defendants, therefore, ask the Court to substitute its response filed at Docket No. 36-1 in place of its response filed at Docket No. 35. *Id.* The Court **GRANTS** Defendants' motion and, in resolving the instant motion, has considered their response filed at Docket No. 36-1.

<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff submits that he filed the instant motion with assistance from inmate Jesse A. Ross. Docket No. 34 at 1.

1 pandemic and “extreme violence” within the prison where he is detained have prevented him from  
 2 accessing the law library. *Id.* at 3. Plaintiff submits that this “disruption of normal operations”  
 3 has delayed his ability to engage in discovery. *Id.* Plaintiff further submits that he intends to serve  
 4 additional discovery requests upon reviewing Defendants’ responses to his first set of discovery  
 5 requests. *Id.* at 3–4.

6 In response, Defendants submit that Plaintiff failed to meet and confer before he filed the  
 7 instant motion. Docket No. 36-1 at 8. Nonetheless, Defendants do not oppose Plaintiff’s request  
 8 for an extension in part and propose a 90-day extension of discovery deadlines. *Id.* at 8.

9 In reply, Plaintiff asks the Court to grant his request for a 180-day extension of discovery  
 10 deadlines. Docket No. 37 at 4.

11 The Court finds that a 90-day extension of discovery deadlines is appropriate in this case.  
 12 Although the Court has considered this motion despite the lack of a proper meet and confer, the  
 13 Court cautions Plaintiff that he must strictly comply with all rules as this case proceeds. The Court  
 14 will not consider a discovery motion without a proper meet and confer.

15 Accordingly, Plaintiff’s motion to extend discovery deadlines, Docket No. 34, is hereby  
 16 **GRANTED** in part. The Court extends the deadlines as follows:

- 17 • Amend pleadings/add parties: August 30, 2021
- 18 • Discovery cutoff: September 27, 2021
- 19 • Discovery motions: October 11, 2021
- 20 • Dispositive motions: October 27, 2021
- 21 • Joint proposed pretrial order: November 29, 2021<sup>3</sup>

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: June 14, 2021

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 Nancy J. Koppe  
 United States Magistrate Judge

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 28 <sup>3</sup> If dispositive motions are filed, this date will be suspended until 30 days after the  
 dispositive motions are decided or further Court order. *See* LR 26-1(b)(5).